JACK DEMPSEY'S EARLY BOUTS

(ed. note - The early ring record of the late Jack Dempsey has always been quite sketchy. Dates and locations of many of his 1914 and 1915 bouts are still lacking. In an excellent piece of boxing research, Laurence Fielding has managed to obtain newspaper accounts of some of Dempsey's early bouts from such obscure papers as the Tonopah Daily Bonanza and the Cripple Creek Times and Victor Daily Record).

I feel that these clippings have a bit of value with regard to Dempsey's record because some of the information would change the dates or even the results of two or three of Dempsey's fights as listed in the 1982 Ring Record Book.

The clipping headlined "Two Big Battles" contains a report of a fight that Dempsey had in June, 1915 at Tonopah, Nevada with Johnny Sudenberg. The record book shows this fight as a win for Dempsey, and it appears that most of the crowd felt that Dempsey won most of the rounds and deserved to win. But we are supposed to go by official decisions, and the article says that the referee, Minnick, held up the arms of both fighters, declaring it a draw. So it appears that it was not a no decision contest, there really was an official decision. I feel that it should be changed to a draw in Dempsey's record.

The clipping headlined "Dempsey Looms Large in Scrap", dated June 1, 1915, reports Dempsey's fight with Sudenberg which took place on May 31, 1915 at Goldfield, Nevada, also a 10 round draw. The record book has the right place and result on this fight, but gives the date as July 3, which is a mistake. Somebody probably got the date mixed up with another fight card which did take place at Goldfield on July 3 but did not involve Dempsey but was between Roy Moore and Ed McAuliffe.

The clipping headlined "Refuse to Fight" mentions that Dempsey and Sudenberg were to have their third fight in July at Goldfield, and that after three postponements they were ready to go on July 28. But they refused to fight when they learned that there was so little money. So the promoter gave up and the third fight did not take place either at Goldfield or Tonopah.

The clipping from the Durango Evening Herald reports a fight Dempsey had in Durango, Colorado with Andy Malloy on October 7, 1915, that is, if it could be called a fight. They were hampered by one of those old-fashioned sheriffs who was strongly anti-prize-fighting. The portion of the article which pertains to Dempsey reads as follows: "It was the Dempsey-Malloy contest that the audience wanted and the utmost interest was exhibited. Before the bout Sheriff Fassbinder announced that it must be confined to a strictly boxing contest - if there was a knockout he would arrest the participants. The sheriff said it had to be confined absolutely in accordance with the advertisement. The bout went the full ten rounds without a decision, although the audience declared Dempsey the better man. Dempsey towered over his opponent and had a longer reach. Malloy, however, was game and put up a clever defense and got in some good welts". This fight appears in Dempsey's 1914 record as a "NC - no contest". My understanding is that "no contest" is a decision that has to be rendered by a referee or a boxing commission in a case of unsatisfactory performance or fakery. But, according to this article, no such decision was rendered - in fact, there was no decision at all. So it really was just another 10 round no decision fight, which was so typical of the 1910-1920 era.

The clipping headlined "Smith and Bauers" includes a line stating that Dempsey knocked out George Coplen, and mentions him as Jack Dempsey of Victor (which is near Cripple Creek). The above clippings mention him as of Pueblo. Pueblo was also the town of Jim Flynn.

The clipping headlined "Fast Boxing Events Featured Elks Smoker" reports a fight card which took place in Victor, Colorado on May 29, 1915. One of the bouts on the card was a Jack Dempsey knocking out Kid Young in 3 rounds, but there is doubt in my mind as to whether this was really Dempsey. The clipping headlined "Dempsey Here to Meet Sudenberg" (in Goldfield, Nevada) is dated May 24 and the fight was on May 31. Goldfield is more than 600 miles from Victor. It is hard to imagine a fighter making a trip like that just before an important fight. Also there is no Kid Young listed in Dempsey's record. Maybe it was one of Jack's brothers.

Based on the information in these newspaper clippings, these changes should be made in Dempsey's record:

May 31, 1915 - Johnny Sudenberg, Goldfield .....D 10 (not July 3, 1914)

June 13, 1915 - Johnny Sudenberg, Tonopah ..... D 10 (not W 10)

Oct. 7, 1915 - Andy Malloy, Durango ..... ND 10 (not NC and not 1914)

Nov. 19, 1915 - George Coplen, Cripple Creek .....KO 6 (not KO 7)

Laurence F. Fielding

Goldfield Tribune

May 24, 1915

DEMPSEY HERE TO MEET SUDENBERG

Both Fighters Will Begin Their Training Tomorrow Afternoon

Jack Dempsey , the husky Pueblo middleweight who will meet Johnny Sudenberg at the Hippodrome next Monday night in a 10 round bout, arrived in camp this morning accompanied by his manager, Jack Gill. Jake Goodfriend, under whose management the card will be held, has the best of assurance that Dempsey is there with the goods and should give the Omaha boy a great battle. Several local men have seen Dempsey in action in his many contests at Reno and all united in the prediction that Johnny had better be "right" when he crawls through the ropes.

Dempsey will begin his training tomorrow afternoon, going through his paces at the Unity club gymnasium at 3 o'clock. He will box with Dick Trounce, a Reno lad who is looking for matches in southern Nevada, and one or two other boxers.

Roy Moore, bantamweight champion of the Pacific coast, who is to meet Jack Bratton at Tonopah June 11, and who already holds the distinction of having tumbled the favorite of Tonopah in the second round of a bout.....was also among the pugnacious individuals to arrive this morning. Moore will probably do the majority of his training in Goldfield.

Sudenberg will go through his work at the Northern gymnasium, working out tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. Johnnie is determined to win this fight by a knockout and silence for all time the criticism that he doesn't carry a knockout punch.

Preliminary matches have been arranged by Manager Goodfriend and will include two bouts, ten and six rounds respectively, Jack Smith of San Diego and Kid Harrison will tangle in the longer bout and the purse will be split just one way, the winner to get the entire sack. Both need the money. Sailor Studley and Speck Duffy will fight six rounds in the curtain raising event.

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The Cripple Creek Times and Victor Daily Record, Sunday Morning, May 30, 1915

FAST BOXING EVENTS FEATURED ELKS SMOKER

Members of the antlered herd lived up to their reputation of being royal entertainers last night at the Elks smoker held at the Elks home in Victor. The entertainment which consisted of boxing, vocal and instrumental music, was regarded as one of the best staged in the district for months.

From the time Nelson Franklin, the official announcer, mounted the platform to call out the first number of the program until the hour arrived when the janitor's appearance signalled it was "Elks bed time" the spectators thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

There were three boxing events and other athletic fetes in which young men of the district displayed their prowess. McNeely's orchestra dispensed music and a number of renditions were given by a quartet of Cripple Creek and Victor Elks. All who participated in the entertainment were roundly applauded.

In the first boxing event, Victor Crumby, of Victor, was awarded a decision over Kid McCrumb, of the Irwin Athletic club. This pair were evenly matched and according to the opinion of many, the result should have been a draw. They fought four rounds.

The "barrel" fight in which four boys wearing barrels about their legs indulged in a fistic bombardment was won by Kid Schrontz, of Victor.

Jack Dempsey won by a knockout over Kid Young Dempsey's right under full head of steam collided with Young's jaw in the third round and the fight ended.

The main event was a scheduled six-round bout between George Bauers, of Goldfield, and Young Morgan, of Victor. Bauers was given the decision in the second round on a foul when Morgan struck him when he was down. Bauers appeared uninjured and agreed to proceed with the fight. In the third round, Bauers called for an armistice when Morgan struck low. Bauers was again declared the victor on a foul.

The boxing events were refereed by Drummond Grant. John Muehlhausen, member of the committee that arranged the affair, was master of ceremonies.

Goldfield Tribune

June 1, 1915

DEMPSEY LOOMS
LARGE IN SCRAP

Sudenberg Unable
to Make Headway
Against Him -
Three Draw Fights

For ten rounds last night Jack Dempsey of Pueblo, who looked more like an overgrown school boy than a fighter, and who incidentally proved otherwise, met the lunges of his shorter opponent, Johnny Sudenberg, with a straight left which invariably connected with the latter's visage before Johnny could get inside the Colorado boy's guard for a slam of his own variety.

For the first five rounds, Dempsey displayed his straight left, which he alternated occasionally with a jab from his starboard appendage in a desire to refrain from any infighting. He was overlooking his best job, however, when he refused to let the Omaha battler stay in close. He realized his mistake in the sixth round, after finding he could hold Sudenberg ... in the clinches, and opened up with a succession of jolts chops and jabs with his right to Johnny's jaw, which kept the latter's head bobbing during the rest of the fight. Both boys were fighting strong and furiously at the bell, and under the circumstances the best decision that could have been given was the one Referee Arnold made when he called the bout a draw. Neither boy had been hurt to any extent, and although Dempsey landed the cleanest blows, this was offset by the aggressiveness of Sudenberg, who carried the fight to his rangier opponent all through the battle. In Dempsey, who gives promise of developing into a heavyweight, there is room for a world of improvement and with the experience he will gain during the next few years he should make a formidable opponent for any scrapper.

The fight between Smith and Harrison, from the standpoint of actual fighting of the give and take order, was the best scrap of the evening. Harrison showed up to better advantage against Smith than he has in any of his fights for months. Referee Arnold called the bout a draw, and while the decision was not in accordance with the views of many in the crowd who thought that Smith had a shade the best of the battle on points, it was the most satisfactory verdict that could have been rendered, as neither had any decided lead.

Speck Duffy and Sailor Studley staged their expected tango dance of four rounds. The bout was called a draw. Duffy couldn't hit Studley and the sailor couldn't hurt Duffy, although he swung a few from his shoe tops flush on Speck's jaw.

All of the battles were handled by Referee Arnold, who did not allow any holding, but kept the fighters working all the time. The customary clinches which have been wished on the fans in the past did not materialize last night, for Arnold kept the scrappers separated all the way.

Tonopah Daily Bonanza

June 14, 1915

TWO BIG BATTLES

Some Disapproval of
Both Decisions

TEN ROUNDS EACH

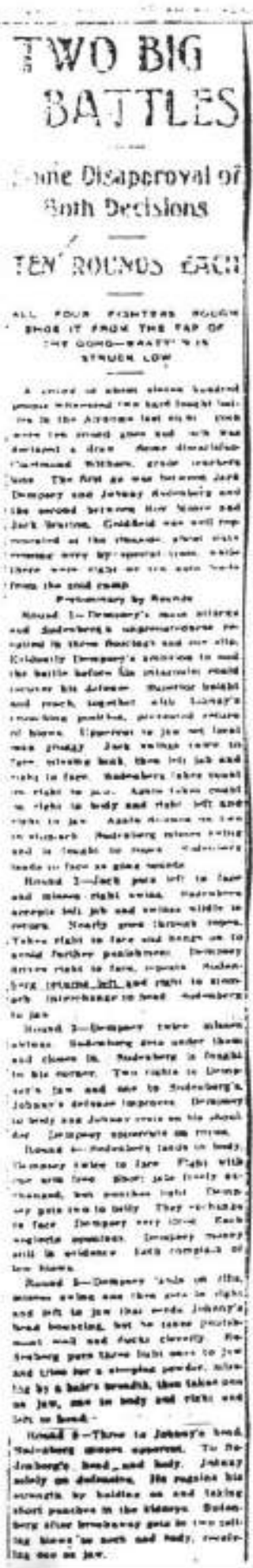
All Four Fighters Rough Shoe It
From the Tap of the Gong -
Bratton is Struck Low

A crowd of about eleven hundred people witnessed two hard fought battles in the Airdome last night. Both were ten round goes and each was declared a draw. Some dissatisfac-
* Clartmond Withers, grade teachers
tions. The first go was between Jack Dempsey and Johnny Sudenberg and the second between Roy Moore and Jack Bratton. Goldfield was well represented at the ringside, about sixty coming over by special train, while there were eight or ten auto loads from the gold camp.

Preliminary by Rounds

Round 1 - Dempsey's mass attacks and Sudenberg's unpreparedness resulted in three floorings and one slip. Evidently Dempsey' s ambition to end the battle before his antagonist could recover his defense. Superior height and reach, together with Johnny's crouching position, prevented return of blows. Uppercut to jaw set local man groggy - Jack swings twice to face, missing both, then left jab and right to face. Sudenberg takes count on right to jaw. Again takes count on right to body and right, left and right to jaw. Again downed on two to stomach. Sudenberg misses swing and is fought to ropes. Sudenberg lands to face as gong sounds.

Round 2 - Jack puts left to face and misses right swing. Sudenberg accepts left jab and swings wildly in return. Nearly goes through ropes. Takes right to face and hangs on to avoid further punishment. Dempsey drives to face, repeats. Sudenberg returns left and right to stomach, interchange to head. Sudenberg



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Preliminary by Rounds

Round 3 - Dempsey twice misses swings. Sudenberg gets under them and closes in. Sudenberg is fought to his corner. Two rights to Dempsey's jaw and one to Sudenberg's. Johnny's defense improves. Dempsey to body and Johnny rests on his shoulder. Dempsey uppercuts on ropes.

Round 4 - Sudenberg lands to body. Dempsey twice to face. Fight with one arm free. Short jabs freely exchanged, but punches light. Dempsey puts two to belly. They exchange to face. Dempsey very tired. Each neglects openings. Dempsey money still in evidence. Both complain of low blows.

Round 5 - Dempsey lands on ribs, misses swing and then gets in right and left to jaw that sends Johnny's head bouncing but he takes punishment well and ducks cleverly. Sudenberg puts three light ones to jaw and tries for a sleeping powder, missing by a hair's breadth, then takes one on jaw, one to body and right and left to head.

Round 6 - Three to Johnny's head. Sudenberg misses uppercut. To Sudenberg's head and body. Johnny solely on defensive. He regains his strength by holding on and taking short punches in the kidneys. Sudenberg after breakaway gets in two telling blows to neck and body, receiving one on jaw.

* typo in original

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Round 7 - Johnny lands heavy over heart, jabs exchanged. Sudenberg accepts on jaw, face and body. Sudenberg again wrestles. Swings exchanged, both missing.

Round 8 - Two rights are landed on Sudenberg's jaw, both are returned with interest. Sudenberg lands heavily on Dempsey's digestive apparatus. Dempsey works right like a sledgehammer and Johnny gets quite groggy. Heavy smash to Sudenberg's jaw.

Round 9 - Dempsey misses twice, then uppercuts twice. Punch lands on Dempsey's belly. Dempsey overreaches and lands on Sudenberg's face with his arm. Right to Sudenberg's heart, interchange to jaw. Sudenberg attacks wildly and runs into left. Both uppercut and cling. Pandemonium at end of round. Sudenberg senses that he has been saving himself for the finish.

Round 10 - To Sudenberg's face Dempsey puts right and left to head. Sudenberg lands full arm to Dempsey's face and uppercuts to jaw. Sudenberg to jaw and gets one on face. They infight and jab but without steam, each lacking strength to break away and land knockout.

Referee Minnick holds up right arms of both. Decision greeted with cheers and protests, some observers claiming that of the ten rounds eight were Dempsey's and one was drawn, but the referee based his decision on Sudenberg's recovery of strength and his taking the offensive so strongly in the tenth.

The Main Event

Herbert White of Stockton challenged at 133 to 135 pounds. Jack Smith of San Diego accepted. The crowd loudly acclaimed Roy Moore and Jack Bratton as they entered the ring. They fought without bandages. Moore worked so fast from the start that his blows could scarcely be seen, much less recorded. He fairly danced about the ring, his lithe body squirming with muscles. Bratton, on the other hand, was stolid and showed much better headwork and close defense than is his custom.

Round 1 - To Bratton's head, Bratton to stomach, to Jack's head and face again. Tattoo played by each on ribs. A very clear draw. Moore fought purposely with back to ropes.

Round 2 - Bratton to ribs, taking return to stomach. Moore instantly covered up after each lead. Crowd called to Jack to use both gloves, as his work thus far was all with the right, the left being in face defense. They waltzed giddily, requiring frequent breaking. Hard one to Moore's stomach, equally hard to Bratton's jaw. To Moore's ribs, to Bratton's stomach.

Round 3 - Jack misses swing, then lands five to kidneys. Bratton miscalculates and hits to shoulder. Moore retaliates with two to stomach, then they interchange at arm length. Moore ducks swing and slips. This is clearly Bratton's round.

Round 4 - Tonopah boy swings wildly Moore right to chest and repeats. Furious interchange. Bratton goes to the canvas and writhes. He has received blow on pelvic bone, denting cup and causing the groin to puff up and the hip to redden. Officers leap into the ring and force back the crowd. Dr. Masterson makes examination. Bratton says he wants to win the fight but not on the foul. He quickly recovers and the battle continues with the time taken out. The crowd is divided in opinion as to the foul and creates such tumult that the gong cannot be heard, a thousand peoplecheering and groaning at the top of their lungs. Moore three to body, to face and kidney, taking one to face. Two to Bratton's stomach, one seemingly too low.

TWO BIG BATTLES

Round 5 - Moore three to kidneys and to Bratton's face. Moore gets another on bogle and the claret flows freely. Evens up by putting Bratton's left eye shut. Another ragtime waltz, with referee chasing them about the ring to force a break. A heavy one to Moore's jaw, response to face. They interchange rights to body, Bratton to kidneys. This round even.

Round 6 - Bratton gets three to belly and kidneys, going to canvas. Bratton covers up carefully but takes two more to stomach and ribs. Bratton then forces fighting and lands heavily on jaw. Again lands on stomach, but Moore retaliates with an uppercut.

Round 7 - This was almost an exact repetition of the sixth round with Bratton on the aggressive the greater part of the time, although taking an uppercut, two body blows and one to the jaw.

Round 8 - Moore registers three sharp jabs. ...
was considerably in Moore's favor.

Round 9 - Moore's left to stomach Moore to kidneys. Moore uppercuts. Bratton misses two swings, but peppers with short arm jolts. Moore straight to stomach and two to head. Moore's round.

Round 10 - Both rally for the final round. Bratton concentrates for a knockout but his antagonist leaves no opening. Head work by both pleases the crowd. Bratton gets in a swing which is merely a glancing blow. Moore charges and both go through ropes, pushed back by ringsiders. Fighters grow tired and swing blindly and with little steam. Moore uppercuts. The jolt revives Bratton and he lands twice to face, then to Bratton's jaw. Bratton lands to jaw after gong sounds, but possibly could not hear it for the tumult that prevailed. This is Bratton's round. Referee declared fight a draw.

The Referee's Statement
(By J.H. Minnick)

The events at the Airdome last night were fast and hard as predicted, but somewhat surprising in the Sudenberg-Dempsey fight there was much of the unexpected. Dempsey spent himself in five rounds, receiving much grandstand applause, but Sudenberg recuperated so rapidly and in the sixth to the finish grew stronger. In the ninth Dempsey suffered a hard right to the stomach and weakened from there on, and if the limit would have permitted, he could not have endured the punishment three rounds more.

From the time of the seventh Dempsey lost ground rapidly and was a very sick man. Sudenberg found it necessary to push him away in order to break, and carried the fight from there on. In the tenth round Sudenberg again landed a terrific punch to the stomach just above the belt, which put Dempsey to his knees, and in such a condition that it was an effort for him to maintain his balance till the final toll of the gong.

The gameness of the Bratton-Moore fight was not surprising, but the final result was just what was desired. Each of the boys fought as though he was protecting his life.

In the fourth round Bratton received a wicked punch at the belt line, and just at the point of the hip bone. This was somewhat on the foul order, but did not do damage enough to justify me in stopping the fight, Bratton wished to have a clean decision and continued for that purpose. Later Moore delivered another blow to the same spot which weakened Bratton very perceptibly, and it was here that I threatened Moore for his foul tactics, after repeatedly giving him warning. The apparent shade that Moore had in his favor was only gained in this way.

Bratton continued gamely but in pain, and had recuperated enough by the tenth round that he again appeared in a strong, determined manner and had Moore at his mercy when the gong sounded the end of the battle.

Goldfield Tribune

July 29, 1915

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THURSDAY EVENING, JULY

NEW TRIAL DENIED

(Continued from Page One.)

ing the opinion." Then the justices chatted for several minutes on the law involved in the case.

Mrs. Becker was said at that very moment to be visiting her condemned husband in Sing Sing. Justice Ford's decision covered five full pages of legal paper and contained about 1,000 words. It goes into details of the affidavits filed by the attorneys for Becker and declares the evidence proffered was for the purpose cumulative and hence therefore.

PEKIN, N. Y., July 29. — Charles Becker in the death house at Sing Sing prison last night received calmly the news that his appeal for a new trial had been denied. Becker said he was not afraid to die.

Father Cassin, the condemned man's spiritual adviser, said later that Becker bore up well. Becker had been waiting for news and when Deputy Warden Johnson reached his cell he inquired:

"Have I lost?"

Johnson replied: "Yes, Charlie; I am very sorry to say you have.

Becker's voice was clear as he said: "I had been hoping against hope that I would win and I am disappointed, but I am not afraid to die."

ALBANY, July 29. — Governor Whitman said Justice Ford did the only thing he could, and if he had any doubt of the guilt of Becker he would pardon him.

OSSINING, N. Y., July 29 — Preparations are being completed for the execution of Becker at daylight tomorrow. His wife and others are expected to spend the night here. Becker is bearing up well.

ALBANY, N. Y., July 29. — Mrs. Becker has not yet arrived to make a final plea to the governor. Governor Whitman is away reviewing the troops and will not be back tonight. It is not believed the governor will interfere, he having said the court had taken the only step possible.

NEW YORK, July 29.—The solution of saving Becker lies in Governor Whitman. Counsel for Becker announced that they had abandoned the idea of appealing to Judge Hogan of the court of appeals at Syracuse for a stay of execution.

ALBANY, N. Y., July 29.—The governor, telephoning today, agreed to meet Mrs. Becker and John Johnson, her counsel, tomorrow at 5 o'clock this evening.

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LATERAL WORK TO BEGIN SOON

GREAT BEND MAIN DRAFT IS CLEANED OUT TO THE BOTTOM

Lateral operations will soon begin at the property of the Goldfield Great Bend mining company. The main workings shall be freed of water and repaired to the 400-foot level and the entire below has been cleaned out. Tonight the main crosscut to the veins goes for exploration.

The time required in unwatering the shaft was nearly 52 days, which is regarded as a record performance. When it is considered that the Great Bend mine drains the entire Daisy watershed and that last winter was one of the most remarkable for snowfall the work is little short of phenomenal. Before operations were begun it was estimated that something like 4,000,000 gallons of water stood in the workings to be removed, but after the experience of the past two months it is figured that not less than 10,000,000 gallons were raised by working both pumps and bailer. The work of dewatering the mine was not all straight pumping but included close watching of the shaft for defective points, timbering and the removal of water characteristics which had fooled judgment during the eight years the Great Bend was idle.

RENO RACE RESULTS

Another large crowd was the feature of yesterday's well balanced card at the Reno race meet. The races resulted as follows: First race, Old Bob first, Bunny second, Billy McQuaid third; second race, W. C. West first, Chas. Howe second, Irish Ann third; third race, Frankie first, Clinton Howe second, Aurora third; [illegible] Oklahoma second, [illegible] third; fifth race, Drawn Down first, Denem second, Orange Blossom third; sixth race, Prince Conrad first, Henry Walbank second, Hands third; seventh race, Quick first, Flanigan second, Christmas Eve third.

GERMAN CHANCELLOR AND GERARD IN CONFERENCE

By Associated Press.

BERLIN, July 29.—Imperial Chancellor Bethmann Hollweg returned today from army headquarters and met for Ambassador Gerard. The conference is expected to have an important bearing on the developments in the relations of Germany and the United States.

RETURNS TO CAMP

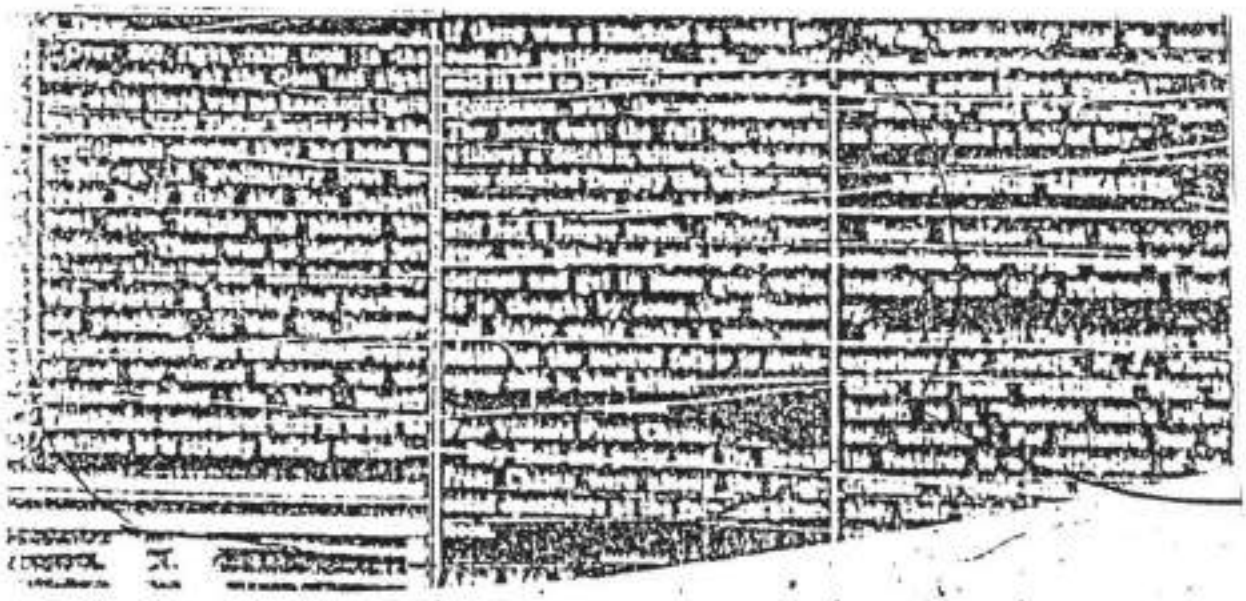
Charles S. Sprague, president of the Jumbo Extension Mining company, returned to Goldfield this morning after an absence of about two weeks during which he attended the annual meeting of the stockholders at Phoenix, Ariz., and visited San Francisco.

We have the best news of Goldfield and the mines that have been taken [illegible] per dozen. Trip

Durango Evening Herald

October 8, 1915

Over 200 fight fans took in the boxing contest at the Gem last night and while there was no knockout there was some very ... boxing and the participants ... they had been in a mix-up. A preliminary bout between Rudy Kikal and Sam Barnett went seven rounds and pleased the audience. There was no decision but it was plain to see the colored boy was superior in battling and sparring and punching. It was the Dempsey-Malloy contest that the audience wanted and the utmost interest was exhibited. Before the bout Sheriff Fassbinder announced that it must be confined to a strictly boxing contest-if there was a knockout he would arrest the participants. The sheriff said it had to be confined absolutely in accordance with the advertisement. The bout went the full ten rounds without a decision, although the audience declared Dempsey the better man. Dempsey towered over his opponent and had a longer reach. Malloy, however, was game and put up a clever defense and got in some good welts. It is thought by some that Barnett and Maloy would make a ... match as the colored fellow is developing into a hard hitter.



The Cripple Creek Times and Victor Daily Record

November 20, 1915

SMITH AND BAUERS GO 20 ROUNDS TO DRAW

Matty faints at the end of last round and gong probably saved him from a knockout - George Coplen is knocked out by Dempsey in the sixth.

"Matty" Smith, the hair-trigger whirlwind of Denver and George Bauers, the sturdy little man of Goldfield, fought 20 fast rounds to a draw at the Lyric opera house last night. Both men were on their feet when the gong rang, but when the timekeeper struck the triangle, Smith fainted and fell sprawling on the floor.

What would have been the result had the fight gone a few more rounds is difficult to predict but the appearance of the two men at the end of the last frame indicated that Bauers would have won by the k.o. route.

Few fans of the Cripple Creek district have ever seen such a speedy little man in the ring as Smith. He is quick on his feet and his fists work something like the second hand of a Big Ben. During the first few rounds Matty seemed to thoroly enjoy himself by ducking the long swings of Bauers.

Bauers had the better of the fighting in the clinches, delivering blows to the kidneys and fore that seemed to have plenty of steam behind them. In open fighting, Matty proved clever. Bauers landed but few blows except in the clinches and many of his rights cut the atmosphere above the elusive dome of the little Denver man.

Both men appeared willing to mix it at all times. Not until the last round did they slow down and both appeared tired. They set such a fast pace in the last two rounds that neither seemed able to deliver a punch that would have meant victory. While Bauers hit several blows in the clinches in the last round and Matty was groggy, the Denver man held on until the gong ended the battle.

The bout was one of the best ever witnessed in the district. Bauers looked ten pounds heavier than Smith in the ring, altho his manager claims there was not three pounds difference in their weight. Smith weighed in at 133 and Bauers at 130.

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MATTY FAINTS AT THE END OF LAST ROUND AND GONG PROBABLY SAVED HIM FROM A KNOCKOUT—GEORGE COPLEN IS KNOCKED OUT BY DEMPSEY IN THE SIXTH

Matty is a clever boxer, but perhaps he missed his calling by not going on the stage. Once he appeared groggy in the early rounds of the bout, but when Bauers attempted to "finish the job" Matty came back like a tiger.

George Coplen of Cripple Creek was knocked out in the sixth round by Jack Dempsey of Victor. This was the semi-final and while neither man appeared to be in fighting form they got up a good exhibition of boxing. Dempsey having the better of the fight in nearly every round. "Kid" West of Victor and "Kid" Bryson of Independence fought six rounds to a draw. Both boys were aggressive and showed a willingness to mix it.